

Empire Township Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2017

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Holmes at 8:00 p.m...

Present were: Terry Holmes, Jamie Elvestad, Ed Gerten, Kathleen Krippner, Jeff Hince, Denise Williamson, Dean Johnson and Brian Hilgardner

Agenda: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the agenda. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting Minutes: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting on April 25, 2017, Planning Commission meeting on May 2, 2017 and Park and Rec May 15, 2017. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Report: Jamie Elvestad made a motion to approve the unaudited treasurer report as read. Ed Gerten seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Bills to be paid: Ed Gerten made a motion to approve the attached list of bills in the amount of \$ 207,947.48. Jamie Elvestad seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Reports

Maintenance / Sewer and Water / Road and Bridges

Jeff reported that the roads are graded and looking good. There are no issues with the water. Parks have been sprayed and will be fertilized.

Some of our sidewalks are cracked. Jeff will check on all of them. He recommends using the last person to repair them.

Resource Strategy:

Ames wants to expand their construction area by 10 acres to the west and south.

Discussion was held on Sun Edison's assignment of the Feely solar project. Empire might need to get legal opinion on it. Jamie Elvestad abstained from the discussion.

Old Business:

MN Cambodian Buddhist Society was in to discuss their parking issue at their New Year's celebration held the weekend of April 15. They are the largest temple in America and people come from all over. Discussion was held on a turn around on the property and increasing the parking area. Also, they plan on using offsite property like at the Fair Grounds. They are thinking of delaying the celebration hoping for better weather. There should be better signage on

Hwy 3 and MNDOT should have their people there. Brian will check with their engineer on onsite parking space. Chanda Sour will send a letter on their plans.

Andrew Revering and Duane Alley were in to discuss their drainage issue. They found someone to hand dig it.

Meeting recessed until May 16, 2017 where the Board will join the Planning Commission to discuss the Feely solar project.

Terry Holmes – Chairman Town Board

Kathleen B. Krippner, Clerk - Treasurer